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Mr. Marshall Wright
National Security Council Staff
Room 379
The Executive Office Building

Dear Mr. Wright,

When Dolf Droge called me the other day, I immediately feared he was about to tell me he could not keep a speaking engagement here on December 5th.

I was happy, therefore, to learn that all he wanted was a simple statement for the record of the service he has been rendering us. I was also happy because I knew I had at hand a comment which would serve the purpose very nicely.

The following is taken from a report I wrote to our Director of Training on July 2, 1968:

If audience reaction means anything, certainly Mr. Dolf Droge of the White House's Vietnam Information Group is the most effective speaker I have ever had in these Vietnam courses. He surely was in this running of the VAC. A man of large frame, with a resounding voice, and a fund of original wit, he has a veritable genius for describing the Vietnamese difficulty in understanding "the inscrutable American." This turning of the tables makes for constructive introspection worthy of the best the behavioral sciences could offer, though Droge himself is a USIA press and radio man with considerable Far East Experience.

I will stand by that. Mr. Droge has been here six or seven times this year, and I hope he will continue to be available to us.

Very truly yours,

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